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SUBJ: NICS IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING FOR SACLANT HEADQUARTERS

REF: STATE 30584 (DTG 070333Z FEB 76)(NOTAL)

WE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION IN REFTEL TO DG NICSMA BY LETTER ON FEB 10, 1976. WE HAVE RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM DG NICSMA, TEXT OF WHICH WE QUOTE BELOW. FYI: THE REFERENCE ON THE QUOTED LETTER IS NICSMA/HB(76)12, DATED FEB 23, 1976. NICSMA ADDRESSED COPIES TO SACLANT AND TO CHAIRMAN, NICS POLICY COMMITTEE. END FYI.

BEGIN QUOTE:

1. NICSMA HAS NOW REVIEWED THE LETTER FORWARDED UNDER REFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WISHES TO RECORD ITS DEEP CONCERN AT THE IMPLICATIONS THEREOF.

2. YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT IN RESPECT OF THE TARE PROJECT,

NICSMA HAS NOW SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH LITTON INDUSTRIES FOR THE PROVISION OF THE FIRST 12 TARE EQUIPMENTS; THIS ACTION HAS RESULTED FROM MANY MONTHS OF DISCUSSION WITH THE POLICY COMMITTEE, THE NATO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS. DURING THE LATTER DISCUSSIONS IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE FIRST NICS TARE SHALL BE INSTALLED EITHER AT SACLANT HQ OR AT VERONA DEPENDING UPON THE LOCALITY OF THE CHOSEN CONTRACTOR'S PLANT. WITH THE SELECTION OF LITTON IT BECOMES IMPERATIVE TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS AND TO INSTALL THE FIRST TARE AT SACLANT HQ. NICSMA WOULD BE UNWILLING TO CHANGE THIS PREVIOUSLY AGREED INSTALLATION PLAN WITHOUT BEING SO DIRECTED BY THE NATO POLICY AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEES CONCERNED. IN THIS CONTEXT IT WILL ALSO BE APPRECIATED THAT NICSMA HAS MANY ON-GOING PROJECTS IN WHICH THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED AT ANY ONE SITE ARE INEXTRICABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF OTHER EQUIPMENTS AT THE SAME SITE AND WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR THE NICS PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE.

3. IN YOUR LETTER UNDER REFERENCE IT IS IMPLIED THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WOULD ASUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESSING NATO RECORD TRAFFIC FOR SACLANT. ASIDE FROM THE MANY POLICY AND SECURITY QUESTIONS WHICH THIS IDEA WOULD RAISE, NICSMA CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CRITICAL DECISIONS PREVIOUSLY REACHED IN THE NJCEC, VIZ: -
(A) "AGREED THAT THIS STUDY /THE CONSOLIDATION STUDY/ SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH OR RESTRICT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRENT NICS PROGRAMME" (1);
(B) "AGREED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PREVIOUS DECISIONS, THE DG, NICSMA SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACT AS THE CO-ORDINATOR OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN NATO AND THE NATIONS REGARDING INTERCONNECTION OF NATO AND NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM" (2).

4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU URGE UPON YOUR AUTHORITIES THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING NO ACTION WHICH WOULD DISTURB THE PRESENT PLANS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE NICS TARE AT SACLANT AND THAT WORK SHOULD CONTINUE ON THE FINALIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATED CIVIL WORKS FUNDING ESTIMATE
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SO THAT YOUR AUTHORITIES ARE ABLE TO MEET THE BENEFICIAL OCCUPANCY DATES FOR THE TARE (JANUARY 1978) AND FOR THE IVSN (MAY 1978).

(SIGNED) H. BUCHS

FOOTNOTE (1) AC/270-DS/19, ITEM XI

FOOTNOTE (2) AC/270-DS/18, ITEM XVIII(5).END QUOTE.STREATOR

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